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GREENE FAVORED BY CONVENTION

Alma Man Is Given Endorsement As the Candidate for Attorney General.

DELEGATES ARE INSTRUCTED

Are Requested To Use All Legitimate Means To Secure His Nomination.

The fifteen delegates to the Republican state convention to be held in Saginaw on September 23, were given binding instructions for James A. Greene of this city, by the Gratiot county convention held in the court house in Ithaca on Tuesday, Greene being a candidate for the nomination for attorney general on the Republican ticket. Greene, an assistant attorney general of the state at the present time, will be the only service man on the state ticket this year, if he procures the nomination at the hands of the state convention.

When the resolutions committee made its report, endorsing Greene, and offering a clause in the resolutions binding the delegates to Greene, Newell Smith and C. H. Giddings, delegates from St. Louis, made a fight on the binding of the delegates, claiming that it was not customary, and moved the adoption of the resolutions without the clause binding the delegates. They were snuffed under by an avalanche of votes, only one member of the convention supporting them, when H. S. Babcock, chairman, submitted the question. The resolutions as drafted, were then passed with just the votes of the two delegates against them. This was the lone fight of the convention, but it brought out a spirited flow of oratory for several minutes, in which the opposition to the clause was worsted.

C. J. Chamber, chairman of the county committee called the convention to order at 11:00 a. m. and called H. S. Babcock of Alma to the chair as temporary chairman of the convention. O. L. Smith of Ithaca, secretary of the committee, then read the call for the convention.

Following the appointment of committees on credentials, order of business and on resolutions, the convention adjourned until 1:00 p. m.

When the convention reconvened, the reports of the committees on credentials and order of business were read and adopted. The resolution committee then reported, and the lone fight of the convention over the binding of the delegates was started, the resolutions being adopted in full after the forensic display.

The resolutions follow:

"Your committee on resolutions beg leave to submit the following report in the form of drafted resolutions as follows:

"We, representatives of the Republican Party of the County of Gratiot in convention assembled affirm our allegiance to the Grand Old Party and its principles, and believing that that party stands now, as it has ever stood, for progress, prosperity and patriotism as exemplified by its unparalleled political history since its birth under the oaks at Jackson, Michigan:

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Republicans of Gratiot County in convention assembled that we pledge our undivided and entire support and influence during the coming campaign to the principles of our party as enunciated in its platform, and to the standard bearers of that party, both state and nation, and especially do we pledge our support and energies to the chosen standard bearer of Republican principles and Republican ideas, the Honorable Warren G. Harding, Republican nominee for President of the United States, and to the recently chosen standard bearer of Michigan Republicanism, that energetic, forceful and fearless citizen, the Honorable Alex. J. Grobeck, the Republican nominee for Governor of Michigan.

"Be it further resolved, that we fervently pledge our support and influence to the election of Honorable Joseph Fordney, as congressman from the Eighth Congressional District, who has so gallantly championed the interests of the people of this district in the halls of congress, and whose record as congressman from this district stands without a peer in the halls of our national congress.

"Be it further resolved, that where as, Gratiot county has a candidate for a position on the state ticket this fall, which position will be filled at the coming state convention at Saginaw on the 23rd inst., and as a token of respect and fidelity for our local candidate who is an honored member of the Gratiot Co. bar, and to the end that his candidacy may be fostered and strengthened throughout the state, we pledge our support and influence to Major James A. Greene, of Alma, for the Republican nomination for attorney general at the state convention to be held in Saginaw on the 23rd inst., and that the delegation elected to said convention from this county be hereby instructed to cast its entire and undivided vote and to use all legitimate means to secure the nomination of Major James A. Greene for Attorney General.

eral of the State of Michigan, so long as there is a chance of bringing about his nomination for that office. "Be it finally resolved that we express our disapproval and condemnation of any party or politician who would barter away the safeguards of our American institutions and jeopardize our national independence by casting the future of this grand and glorious country of ours into the boiling-pot of European revolution. And in furtherance of this sentiment and belief, we most heartily commend and approve the action and efforts of the Republican Senate of the United States for its noble and fearless opposition to the so-called "League of Nations" and particularly to Article X thereof, which would bind this country in future generations to share not only its money, but its American manhood in foreign conflicts between nations ruled and dominated by designing and ambitious monarchs.

"Signed: Howard Potter, Homer M. Dunham, Albert J. Archer."

After the report had been adopted the following delegates were elected to attend the state convention at Saginaw on September 23:

C. J. Chambers of Ithaca, S. O. Burdick of St. Louis, John C. Chick of Alma, Arthur J. Murphy of Sumner, H. S. Babcock of Alma, O. L. Smith of Ithaca, Homer M. Dunham of Alma, Walter Swope of Wheeler, S. J. Curtis of Hamilton, Mrs. Harrington of Ithaca, Mrs. V. H. Shepard of Alma, Frank Sexton of Breckenridge, Charles Heister of New Haven, A. F. Ryder of Bannister and W. L. Mellinger of Ashley.

After the election of the delegates to the convention a short address was given the members of the convention by State Senator Hicks of Owosso, which was well greeted.

CLINIC TO BE HELD HERE NEXT WEEK

Gratiot County Good Health Society Has Arranged For One To Be Held at City Hall.

Plans and arrangements for the clinic to be held at the city hall from Monday, September 13, until Saturday, September 18, inclusive, have been completed, and there is every indication that the forthcoming clinic will meet with a greater degree of success even, than the well attended ones that have previously been held in Alma. It is being backed by the Gratiot County Good Health Society. Dr. Rose and Dr. Ramsey will be in charge of the clinic, which will give special attention to tuberculosis and to child hygiene, and there is every prospect that if the public generally will take advantage of the opportunity that is being presented to it.

The clinic will give special attention to returned soldiers and to those who suffered from influenza, as numerous soldiers have been found to be afflicted with tuberculosis, and because it is a disease that frequently follows influenza. The clinic is particularly desirable of having such people attend and be examined. Children, who are backward in school, or who are seemingly defective in some way, are also desired at the clinic, and parents are urged to attend with them.

The clinics will be open from 9:00 a. m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. each day during the week, on the second floor of the city hall. The public is requested to use the Gratiot entrance.

Those in charge of the clinic urge that those who desire to attend to do so as early in the week as possible, so that the clinic may not be rushed too much during the latter part of the week, as has been the case with some of the former clinics that have been held here.

This clinic is to be followed by a permanent general clinic it is understood, which will meet each Wednesday.

MASONS COMING

All Star Detroit Cast to Meet Republic Trucks Monday and Tuesday.

At 4:30 p. m. on both Monday and Tuesday the Detroit Masonic League All Stars will meet the Republic Trucks on Republic field in games that are expected to be hotly contested affairs, as the Masons will bring the strongest semipro team that has ever come out of Detroit, according to L. H. Devogt, manager.

The All Star Masonic team is composed of the best talent of the Detroit Masonic league, which has several strong clubs. The pitchers who will be with the outfit are "Rube" Krapp, McCullum, Weed and Kuhn. In the infield Frutis, Gallant, Pfeiffer and Ferny will toil. Altman, Inker, Carleton and Purvis are the outer gardeners. McCullum is from the Mint league and Altman from the Pacific Coast league. These two players are seeking berths in the big leagues. The catchers are Lee and Devogt. The latter is a brother of the former Republic manager, who is now coaching for the Trucks.

The Republics realize that they have a strong team to oppose and expect to be forced to the limit to win. However, they are hoping, to pull down both games.

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TRANSPORTS DROP THREE TO TRUCKS

Alma Aggregation Shows Superiority Over Fast Isabella County Ball Team.

FIVE STRAIGHT VICTORIES

Sherlow and Hagerman Get Shutouts While Main Wins By A 5-2 Score.

The aspirations of the Transport Truck team of Mt. Pleasant have been badly blasted during the past week end, the five game series with the Republic Trucks of this city, having been brought to an end Monday without the Isabella County team being able to put over a single victory in the five starts. The two previous games were Republic victories, and then to top it off Sherlow shut out the Transports in Saturday 3 to 0; Main came back at them Sunday and walloped them into submission 5 to 2, and Monday at Mt. Pleasant Hagerman handed them the third shutout of the series by a score of 4 to 0.

It was a bitter pill for the Transports to swallow, and just as pleasant a morsel for the Republic fans, as the long record of the Transports this year had given them a real reputation. They have lost only to the Republics just five straight games.

Saturday the Transports came to Alma with Shriver, the highly touted M.O. leaguer, who last season led the Mint circuit in pitching, and who lately was sold to San Francisco. Shriver pitched a good game and deserved a better fate, but pitted against Sherlow, he was forced to defeat, as the big Gratiot lad hurled shutout ball all the way.

Only once was Sherlow in trouble, this being in the first frame of the game, when men got on second and third with none down. He struckout the next three batters, and from that time on had them eating out of his hand.

The Republics got next to the offerings of Shriver in the fifth inning, when four bunched hits gave the Truckmakers two runs. In the following inning with two men down, a single and a double brought in the other runner.

Sherlow struckout ten men during the game and Shriver only five.

Transport — 000 000 000—4 0 0
Republics — 000 021 00x—3 8 1
Batteries: Shriver and Nevitt; Sherlow and Devogt.

Sunday Main was on the mound for the Republics, and while wild, would have had a shutout except for errors behind him, the Republics making four misplays during the game, two of which started men around the paths to the scoring station. The Transports pulled just one error, which the locals managed to use in bringing home a run.

The Transports put over the first run of the game in the third inning, bringing joy to the Isabella fans who thronged the bleachers. Loney's error gave Martin a life at first, and allowed him to take second. He went to third on an infield hit and scored on a sacrifice fly. The Republics tied it in the fourth. Dunkle was safe on an error, stole second and scored on Loney's single. In the sixth three hits, one a double, counted two more runs for the Republics. The Transports added their second count in the seventh. Johnson struckout, but Devogt dropped the ball and Ed was safe at first. Meehan cracked one for three sacks, Johnson counting. In the final half of the seventh, the Republics put it on ice, by counting two more. Onkes and Tooley walked. Hunter singled, scoring "Rabbit." Chouinard singled and Hunter cashed.

In the fifth inning the Transports filled the bases with none down and it looked as though runs were certain to count. A double play, which missed little of being a triple play, killed the chance. This play, Loney's stick work and the clever fielding of Dunkle at first featured.

Transport — 001 000 100—2 6 1
Republics — 000 102 20x—5 8 4
Batteries: Martin and Nevitt; Main and Devogt.

"Rip" did not appear at his best against the Transports on Monday, but even at that had stuff enough to administer the third coat of kalsomine that was given the Transports during the five game series, finishing an argument convincing enough to satisfy the most courageous Mt. Pleasant fan, that the Transports were completely outclassed.

Hagerman allowed the Transports six hits in the game in the Isabella town, keeping them well scattered, except for the eighth when the Nevitt crew bunched two bingles. Not a man was able to reach third base. Hagerman struckout the smallest number of men that he has cut down in a game since joining the Republics over a year ago, getting only six.

Umpire Cameron did not intend to aid him in the least, and had "Rip" in some bad holes several times by poor decisions on balls and strikes.

The Republic scored the first run in the opening chapter, and should have added two or three more. Two hits and a base on balls came in that

inning, two runners being tagged on the sacks. In the seventh inning four hits brought two runs and in the eighth the Truckers smashed around another counter.

LeCronier, former Normal star, who has been winning consistently for the Transports this season, was on the mound, and suffered his second shutout of the series, both of his games being against Hagerman. He was taker for nine good healthy hits including two doubles. He displayed poor ability also in holding men on the sacks, Dunkle getting three stolen bases and Chouinard one. Dunkles hitting in the holiday game at Mt. Pleasant was the feature, the clever first sacker getting three blows out of four trips to the plate.

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Transports — 000 000 000—0 6 1
Republics — 100 000 210—4 9 0
Batteries: LeCronier and Nevitt; Hagerman and Devogt.

BIG CROWD ATTENDS OPENING OF NEW STORE

New Gaffney Style Shop Was Opened to the Public on Thursday Evening.

The formal opening of the new Gaffney Style Shop on State street was held on Thursday evening, September 2, from 7:30 until 10:00 o'clock, at which time hundreds of Alma people, who during the past few months, had been watching the rebuilding of the former store into one of the finest stores in the city, thronged the store to compare it with the old place, and with other institutions of similar nature.

They were delighted with the new place, not necessarily because it was owned by a friend or acquaintance entirely, but to a great extent because it gives to Alma another high grade modern store, such as are gradually coming into being in Alma, as the new era of the city comes, into being, as the city changes from a farming community, into a prosperous, hustling industrial city. They were pleased because it was a store worthy of the new Alma, and which must reflect great credit upon the business ability of its owner, Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney.

The front of the new place is without a peer in the city, with its large display windows, so arranged that the displays can be taken in at a glance and with a minimum of effort. With marble bases around the display windows and the large display case, located in the center of the front, with its tiled corridors leading to the large entrance door, in the center, but to the rear of the display case, it is without a question the finest store front that Alma boasts. Prism glass installed over the display windows, throws light in a uniform manner back through the store.

Numerous new display cases have been installed in the store, and also a group of new dustproof wallcases, in which the goods are carried, keeping them in the best possible condition, while they are awaiting the selection of the customers.

SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Football Schedule of College Team Is Given Out.

Just what kind of material Coach Edwin Steele will have at Alma College this year, is problematical at the present time, but judging from the reports of field workers of the college during the summer months, there will be a number of good football men in the class that will enter the Presbyterian institution this next week, who with the old men that will be back, should give the Maroon and Cream a scrappy aggregation.

There is little question but what a scrappy team will be needed if the eleven is to make much of a showing this season, as a strong schedule has been arranged for the gridders by Lee Sharrar. The schedule, given out this week, is a hard one, with seven frays with the strongest college aggregations of the state. Two other games are still to be added, one with the Central State Normal of Mt. Pleasant and one with Ferris Institute. Five of the seven games now scheduled are with Michigan Inter-collegiate teams, Kalamazoo and Albion being the headliners of these colleges. M. A. C., of course, will be the strongest eleven to be played.

Three of the seven games scheduled are to be played in Alma, and it is probable that at least one more game will be staged in Alma of those still to be booked.

The schedule follows:
September 25—Open.
October 2—Open.
October 6—M. A. C. at East Lansing.
October 9—Open.
October 16—Hope College at Holland.
October 23—Albion College at Alma.
October 30—Michigan State Normal at Alma.
November 6—Hillsdale College at Alma.
November 13—Olivet College at Olivet.
November 20—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo.

Edna M. Swigart, teacher of piano, graduate of Alma College Music Department and University School of Music, 718 State St., telephone 437. 64-tadv.

DEALERS ARE TO MEET HERE

Monday and Tuesday Are Days Set for Big Convention at the Republic Plant.

SPECIAL PULLMANS TO ALMA

No Dull Moments As A Big Program Is Outlined For the Two Day Event.

From all parts of the United States and Canada Republic distributors are enroute to Alma where next Monday and Tuesday, September 13 and 14, a national convention of Republic distributor s is scheduled to take place.

Dealers who assemble in our midst are promised a very busy session during which business matters vital to them will be discussed, models exhibited and the thousand and one things which usually crop up at conventions carefully gone over and explained.

The official program of the activities is quite elaborate and includes running of special Pullman trains from Chicago and Detroit. Arriving in Alma Republic distributors will be housed and their creature comforts taken care of at the Wright House and in the special Pullmans which will be temporarily sidetracked during the stay in town.

The committee in charge of the program have arranged a comprehensive schedule of events including addresses by prominent officials in business, banking and transportation circles, demonstrations of interest to dealers, motion pictures of important trick tours in which Republics established enviable records, etc. A special banquet will be served at the Republic Cafeteria Monday evening, the 13th, to be followed by a special vaudeville performance at the Strand Theatre. The Republic Company has imported for this occasion very special talent of the highest order.

Two high class ball games have been arranged for Monday and Tuesday afternoon, September 13-14, between the Republic team and the Detroit Masonic All Stars.

BIG EARNINGS

Republic Truck Company Shows A Good Gain.

Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc., of Alma, Mich., now controlled by Willys interests for the six months ended June 30, reports net earnings, before deducting federal taxes, of \$1,741,618, as compared with \$188,751 in the same period of 1919.

Profit and loss surplus on June 30, last, amounted to \$2,719,033 against \$1,242,143 on the corresponding date in 1919.

Income account shows net earnings before federal taxes, equal to \$17.12 per share on 100,000 shares of no par value common stock, after deducting preferred dividends. This compares with net earnings before taxes of \$1.55 a share on the common in the corresponding period last year.

Net earnings before taxes during the first half of this year were at an annual rate of \$3,483,236, or \$2,100,000 greater than best previous net earnings before taxes of \$1,485,083, in 1918, and more than three times greater than net earnings before taxes of \$862,002 in 1919. Profit and loss surplus of \$2,719,033 as of June 30 represents an increase of \$1,476,890, or more than 100 per cent over profit and loss surplus of \$1,242,143 on June 30, 1919.

MASONIC PICNIC

Alma Masons and Families Frolicked at Crystal Lake on Monday.

Nearly four hundred Alma Masons and their families went to Crystal lake Monday for the annual picnic of the Alm Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 244, with full intentions of making the day one filled with pleasure and amusement.

Following a basket dinner at noon to which everyone did justice, the Masons, or a large part of them at least, started out to make the day a real occasion, to be looked back upon with wholesome pleasure.

Sports of all kinds were indulged in, which held the interest of nearly all those present, the feature athletic event of the day being of course, the great game of water baseball that was staged just off the shore of the lake. According to the official scorer of the game, the score was completely lost sight of, in his frank admiration of the wonderful ability displayed by some of the players.

Early in the evening the Masons returned to Alma with their families, tired for the greater part, but happy and with a feeling that it had been a day well spent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Visitors and delegates to the Gratiot County Sunday School convention next Sunday at Breckenridge will have the added pleasure of hearing Mr. and Mrs. Robertson of the Belgian Congo, Africa, who have just returned from several years missionary work among the natives of that country. They have been working under the auspices of the Africa Inland Mission, an interdenominational institution. Hear them at the Baptist church at ten o'clock.

BOXING EXHIBITION

Big Boxing Show Here Next Tuesday Evening.

A special permit has been granted to the Republic Athletic Association to hold a boxing bout at Republic baseball park Tuesday evening, September 14, the big attraction of the evening being the main bout of ten rounds between Jimmie Brady of Detroit and Billie Thomas of Chicago, 126 pounds.

Arrangements are also being made for two high class six round preliminaries and a good six round semi-final between Bob Robinson of Cadillac at 156 pounds and Frankie Brennan of Detroit, if the latter can be secured. If Brennan cannot be secured, some other suitable opponent will be located for the semi-final event to go against Robinson.

Brady, one of the principals of the main bout of the evening, is one of the most wonderful boxers in the world of his weight, and has fought such men as Freddie Welsh, Frankie Fleming of Canada, Johnnie Tilman, Mickey Sheridan, Phil Bloom, Johnnie Murray, and a score of other top-notchers. He is well known throughout this section, and is conceded to be one of the hardest "birds" in the business to pick.

Thomas is the latest 130-pound sensation to be turned out in Chicago, and was on the card at the Leonard-White go at Benton Harbor, July 4. He has been meeting all comers in the west for the past two years, meeting such men as Coats, Doag, Mitchell, Murray, who he has battled to a standstill. He promises to give Brady the battle of his life.

The big boxing show will start at 9:00 p. m. with Billie Rooks of Detroit refereeing the matches.

LAD LOSES LIFE WHILE AT PLAY IN GRAVEL PIT

Cleo Mattern Crushed to Death When Bank Gave Way, And Buried Him.

Cleo Ivan Mattern, aged seven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mattern of Forest Hill, was crushed to death Friday by a cave-in, in a gravel pit in which he and his brother were playing.

The pit in which the lads were playing is located at Forest Hill, and at the spot, where they were enjoying their youthful sport, a bank of clay overlying the bank of the pit somewhat. The lads noticed that the edge was giving away and started to run, the one brother getting clear of the bank, before it pounded down to the gravel pit. Little Cleo is believed to have stumbled, and fallen, and as the heavy mass of clay tumbled into the pit, it buried the little lad, under hundreds of pounds of dirt, crushing him to death.

Workmen nearly rushed to the scene and dug out the body of the little lad, but life was gone, when the body was uncovered.

The funeral of the young lad was held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Forest Hill Church of Christ, Rev. Leon R. May, officiating. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery in Alma.

CITIZENS' DEMOCRAT CLUB

A Citizens' Democrat Club is being organized in this city, with the formal meeting for the organization to be held Tuesday evening, September 14, at 8:00 o'clock, in the rooms over the Alma State Savings Bank. All Democrats of the city are requested to remember this date and to be present at the meeting.

Revenge of Tarzan, Strand today.—adv.

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The Victory Medal, a tribute of a grateful nation to all who wore Uncle Sam's uniform in the World War, is now ready for distribution, and through the courtesy of the Army Recruiting Service all ex-soldiers of this country will be able to obtain the Medal without any difficulty.

All men who served in the Army should apply at the city hall, Alma, any time during the day on Saturday, September 11th, 1920, where an Army Field Clerk, sent here from Grand Rapids, will be on hand to fill out the proper application blank for those requesting this service. Application must be filed by all who wish to receive this Medal, and a simple procedure is all that is required by the government.

It is necessary that each applicant should bring with him his honorable discharge certificate. The discharge will be stamped and returned to the

SCHOOLS OPENED TUESDAY MORNING

New Opening Day Attendance Record Set As Youngsters Pack All Buildings.

GOOD YEAR IS PREDICTED

Unusual Interest in Both Pupils and Teachers in Courses Is Reported.

In spite of the big shortage of teachers in all sections of the country, the teaching corps of the local schools, had been completed some weeks before the opening Tuesday, at which time they were all here to take charge of their work, as hundreds of Alma youngsters flocked to the schools to start the new year. The enrollment this year is exceptionally good, according to the figures given out Wednesday by J. W. Kelder, superintendent, and there is every expectation that numerous other students will enter the schools during the coming few weeks, as has been the case almost every year in the past.

With an enrollment that shows a healthy increase over last year, making a record attendance for the opening days of the school year, there is every prospect that the enrollment at the close of the present school year will also see new marks established, as the increase during the year is expected to be at least as great as that of a year ago.

The enrollment in the high school is not yet up to the figures of last year, but it is known that there are a number of high school students still to enroll, who will greatly swell the present figures. The enrollment of the high school as given out yesterday by Superintendent Kelder was 325.

All of the ward buildings show a big increase over last year, even to the temporary Hillcrest school on the south side. The Washington school shows the biggest increase over the opening days of last year. Last year at this time the Washington school had an enrollment of 349. This year it was reported as 390. The Republic school shows an increase of from 399 to 418, and the Lincoln school an increase of from 404 to 432. The temporary Hillcrest school shows an increase of 23, there being 130 children enrolled there.

Supt. Kelder stated that the instructors and the pupils were apparently showing a big interest in their work, and that there is every indication that the school year will be a highly successful one. This is particularly true in the ward buildings where manual training and domestic science courses have been added. These courses are attracting the interest of a large number of pupils in those buildings, giving the indication that they will prove not only instructive to the pupils at the present time, but courses that will be extremely valuable to them in later years.

NOTICE

The Womens Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, September 14, at 7:30 p. m. at city hall. All eligible are urged to attend.

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